

FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM FACT SHEET 01-5 The Foreign Medical Program

What is the Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

The FMP is a program for veterans who live or travel overseas. Under the FMP, Veterans Affairs will pay 100% of the charges for any health care the veteran needs that is associated with a service connected disability.

How do I enroll in the FMP?

Enrolling in the FMP is simple. Send your name, SSN, VA claim number, physical and mailing addresses along with your rating decision to the HAC at P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021. We verify the information and then send you a benefits authorization letter, which outlines the medical conditions we cover.

How do I find a provider who will accept FMP?

You should check with co-workers or family for a referral. You may also check with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate staff, or if there is a Department of Defense medical facility nearby, contact their TRICARE office.

What do I need to do to get a claim paid?

The FMP has a detailed fact sheet on this subject (Fact Sheet 01-17), and we recommend you request a copy. In general, submit a copy of the bill from the provider to the FMP office: HAC at P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021.

Please note, that, by Federal law, the FMP cannot pay for prescription medication that is not FDA approved. The FMP does not maintain a list of FDA approved drugs. If you have any doubt about the medication your doctor prescribes, you might check the FDA web site at www.fda.gov.

Do veterans have to work through the US Embassy or Consulate staff to use the FMP?

No, while the Embassy and Consulate staff can be very helpful, claims for payment should be sent directly to the HAC.

Is pre-authorization required for services?

The only preauthorization required under FMP is for durable medical equipment valued at \$300 (U.S.) or more.

Do I need approvals for referrals to specialists or for diagnostic tests?

No, referrals for veterans should be made as required.

What happens if I live overseas and the VA directs me to take a physical exam?

As directed, you should obtain the physical examination. Submit a claim with a copy of the VA form 2507 for payment to the Health Administration Center (HAC), P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021. The HAC will pay 100% of the charges.

How do I get more information?

- Check our web site at www.va.gov/hac, select Foreign Medical Program
- Write us at P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO 80206-9021
- E-mail us at hac.fmp@med.va.gov
- Call 303-331-7590, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Eastern Time.